Welcome "Back"

Diving into Remote Learning

Featuring:
 - Secretary of Social Distance: Dan Barowy
 - Handwasher in Chief: Bill Jannen

Significant Changes

- No "live" lectures
- New office hours
- Feedback vs grades
- Due dates
- Labs
- New weekly collaborative activity on GLOW
- New GLOW activity
- Up Next

Updates From Williamstown

Spring Street is empty

The parking lots are barren

The grass is green!

Everyone is hiking

Faculty have been partying on Hoxsey street every weekend

Lectures will be Pre-recorded

Lectures will be made available on GLOW

- Summary/preview of unit
- Content

We will post on a MWF schedule, but you have flexibility

Bingeworthy? ("136 and chill")

"Office" Hours

- We will advertise virtual help hours on the the Help Hours calendar
- Be aware that the time zone for these events is EST.
- Zoom has been the most user-friendly and smooth experience
  - You must authenticate using your Williams ID to avoid "zoom bombing." If you are prompted for a password: same as the lab door code (X-X-X-X-XX).
  - Links will be associated with calendar events for ease-of-use
  - Note that you can dial-in on the phone if your internet is unreliable: https://zoom.us/zoomconference

Dan: 2:30pm-3:30pm EST Thursdays, 8:30am-9:30am EST Fridays
Bill: 8:30am-9:30am EST on Thursday, 2:30pm-3:30pm EST on Fridays

Feedback vs. Grading

All Williams courses will be graded pass/fail

Please interpret your "grade" as feedback on where to improve

- Most earnest attempts will be "good enough" to pass, but that should not be your goal
- Ask yourself: How can I direct my efforts to best learn the material?
  - Overcoming challenges has merits, stewing in frustration does not
  - We still have resources for seeking help, and we encourage open collaboration!

Due Dates

All things this semester are due on Sundays at 11:59pm EST.

- Labs
  - "Due date" is for feedback
  - You have until Tuesday, May 19 to submit labs
  - Resubmissions only permitted for labs handed in by "due date"
- Weekly check-ins
- Weekly collaborative activities
- Weekly quizzes

Labs: The Heart of the Course

3 Labs remain; all will be partner labs; twice the normal time for each

- We will post a partner form so we can create partner repositories
- **Posted**: every other Wednesday
- **"Due"**: every other Sunday (~1.5 weeks per lab) by 11:59pm EST

Learning by doing is important in CS, so we have chosen our favorite labs that cover key CS136 topics

New: Weekly check-in

Each week, you will be asked to provide course feedback in GLOW.

- Not graded; counts as "attendance."
- Like the "happy/sad" cards from lecture.
  - Briefly list which topics/aspects of the course you are happy/satisfied with
  - Briefly list which topics/aspects of the course you are unhappy/dissatisfied with
- Anonymous
- But required
- Posted: Wednesday by noon, due: Sunday by 11:59pm

New: Collaborative Activity

Each week, we will assign a collaborative activity in GLOW.

- Not graded; counts as "attendance."
- Each student must turn in their solution individually, but may collaborate with another student to come up with it.
- Feedback given automatically upon submission.
- Feel free to use Piazza to discuss the problem with students other than your partner.
- Posted: Wednesday by noon, due: Sunday by 11:59pm

New: GLOW "Quizzes"

There will be one graded quiz per week, posted in GLOW

- You may discuss the questions with other classmates on Piazza but please do not post your answers.
- Although quizzes are collaborative, you must submit your own solution to receive credit
- Posted: Wednesday by noon, due: Sunday by 11:59pm

Up Next

- Midterm exam
  - Exam becomes available in GLOW on Wednesday, April 8 at noon.
  - Stops being available Sunday, April 12 at 11:59pm.
  - You have up to 3 hours to take it.
  - You choose when you are best able to take it.
  - Closed book, open compiler! You can use write programs from scratch, compile your programs using `javac`, and run them, but no other materials are allowed.
  - You may NOT collaborate or discuss the exam with any of your classmates.
  - Honor Code is in effect.
    - This semester is pass/fail… PLEASE don't give us a reason to fail you. We really want everyone to pass.

Up Next

- Monday
  - Today's mini lectures will be a midterm review
- Wednesday
  - Covers answers to all questions on the practice midterm exam
  - Exam goes out
- Friday
  - Friday will be our first "regular" class
  - Topic: Iterators
- Sunday
  - Exam must be submitted before 11:59pm